

In 1887, several estates donated approximately 1,000 acres of California land, with cash and water rights - for the U.S. Government to perpetually maintain a National Home for disabled Veterans. The U.S. Government expressly accepted the donors' terms in Public Trust by an Act of Congress; and assigned the Home's stewardship to the Board of Directors of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, then the Veterans Administration and now, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. By 1920, generations of rehabilitated Veterans moved from the Soldiers Home to develop a city called Sawtelle that's now known as West Los Angeles and a town called West Gate that's now known as the Brentwood neighborhood of Los Angeles. On any given night in 1970, up to 5,000 disabled Veterans resided at what's now called the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home; back when no significant homeless Veteran populations were found in the greater West Los Angeles area.

Today, roughly 100 disabled Veteran residents remain on about 400 remaining acres of the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home - where by 2011 local Veterans Services Organizations, Los Angeles residents and the Press alleged third-party land use agreements denied disabled and homeless Veterans' entitled access to it. On August 29th, 2013 - a Federal Court Ruled many third-party land use agreements at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home are null and void. On September 28th, 2018 - the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Inspector General Found over 60% of third-party land use agreements at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home, including many of those ruled null and void in 2013, remain non-compliant with Public Law. Also in 2018, a non-compliant third-party land user and a former West Los Angeles VA Contract Officer were arrested, convicted and sentenced for an over \$14,000,000 fraud against the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and a \$300,000 bribe; regarding their non-compliant, third-party land use at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home. While lobbying registrations in Congress and Los Angeles City show non-compliant third party land users at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home spending millions to reform such land use, those land users didn't report those activities on their IRS Form 990 Federal Tax Returns.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles County became our Nation's capital of Veteran homelessness. Per the Los Angeles County Homeless Services Authority's latest count, there are over 4,270 homeless Veterans trying to survive on the streets of Los Angeles today.

A prevailing authority over West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home land use is Public Law 114-226, as Amended. It mandates all third-party land use at the West Los Angeles VA must Principally Benefit Veterans and their families. That Law as amended also warrants, in result of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Inspector General's 2018 Findings of non-compliant land use and mismanagement at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home; that VA is barred from entering into any new leases and land sharing agreements at West Los Angeles, until and unless the Inspector General's recommendations are satisfied. Amid those recommendations remaining unsatisfied, VA still enters into new and non-compliant land use agreements with third parties at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home. Some of those agreements include parking lots for commercial-retail patrons, a fourth baseball field and housing projects without covenants limiting that housing to homeless Veterans. Several of those housing developers are now Defendants in a Los Angeles Superior Court trial for fraud, deceit and quiet title regarding Publicly-funded affordable housing projects in Los Angeles.

The West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home's stewards have fed and housed disabled Veterans in accordance with their Mission at West Los Angeles for over 134 years. Although Congress appropriated over \$500,000,000 between 2012-2020 for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to improve and construct utilities, housing and service facilities for disabled Veterans at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home - non-profit special interest groups representing non-compliant West Los Angeles VA third-party land users, engage public relations campaigns; claiming our U.S. Government can't afford, build nor operate anything for disabled Veterans at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home.

A memorandum signed between attorneys and a former VA Secretary on January 28th, 2015, committed to establish an exit strategy for non-compliant third party land users to be evicted from the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home; and to end Veteran homelessness in Greater Los Angeles in 2015... Yet

today there are more non-compliant third-party land users at the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home, less disabled Veteran residents inside the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home and more homeless Veterans in Los Angeles County than there were several years ago. Throughout those changes - disabled Veterans and local leaders of Congressionally Chartered Veterans Services Organizations are systematically excluded from effectively participating in land-use planning; and often censored from speaking at improperly noticed planning hearings.

Disabled Veterans exhausted good faith over several decades of third-party West Los Angeles VA land users' empty promises to comply with Public Law. The resulting Veteran homelessness and waste of Public Funds purporting to resolve it reaffirm, more than ever before, our duty to finally evict non-compliant, third-party land users from the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home; so we may truly bring disabled and homeless Veterans into the Home Federal taxpayers provide them when those Veterans need it most. Until and unless those evictions occur, homeless disabled Veterans and their advocates will continue their exhaustive efforts to merely get a tent to sleep in on the West Los Angeles VA Soldiers Home's grass.